

CLAIMS

1. A perfume composition comprising a perfume component capable of inhibiting the production of odoriferous steroids by micro-organisms on the skin characterised in that the perfume component is capable of inhibiting bacterial  $3\alpha(\beta)$ -sterol dehydrogenase and/or steroid 4,5-isomerase.
2. A perfume composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition comprises at least 30% by weight of at least one perfume component capable of inhibiting bacterial  $3\alpha(\beta)$ -sterol dehydrogenase and/or steroid 4,5-isomerase.
3. A perfume composition comprising at least 30% by weight of one or more of the following perfume components: N-ethyl-N-(3-methylphenyl)propionamide; 2-ethyl-N-methyl-N-(3-methylphenyl)butanamide; dihydromyrcenol; (4-isopropylcyclohexyl)methanol; 3-methyl-5-phenylpentan-1-ol; 2,2,2-trichloro-1-phenylethyl acetate; isobornyl acetate; allyl amyl glycolate; alpha-terpineol; acetyl cedrene; tetrahydrogeraniol; citronellal; cuminic aldehyde; cis-jasmone; pine American oil; peppermint (Chinese); 1,3,3-trimethyl-2-norbornanol; gamma-nonalactone; octahydro-2H-chromen-2-one; cis-4-decenal; 3-(3-isopropylphenyl)butanal.
4. A perfume composition comprising at least 3 of the following perfume components: N-ethyl-N-(3-methylphenyl)propionamide; 2-ethyl-N-methyl-N-(3-methylphenyl)butanamide; dihydromyrcenol; (4-isopropylcyclohexyl)methanol; 3-methyl-5-phenylpentan-1-ol; 2,2,2-trichloro-1-phenylethyl acetate; isobornyl acetate; allyl amyl glycolate; alpha-terpineol; acetyl cedrene; tetrahydrogeraniol; citronellal; cuminic aldehyde; cis-jasmone; pine American oil; peppermint (Chinese); 1,3,3-trimethyl-2-norbornanol; gamma-nonalactone; octahydro-2H-chromen-2-one; cis-4-decenal; 3-(3-isopropylphenyl)butanal.

5. A perfume composition according to claim 4, wherein the perfume composition comprises at least 30% by weight of at least 3 of the specified perfume components.
6. A deodorant product comprising a perfume composition according to any one of the preceding claims.
7. Use of one or more of the following perfume components: N-ethyl-N-(3-methylphenyl)propionamide; 2-ethyl-N-methyl-N-(3-methylphenyl)butanamide; (4-isopropylcyclohexyl)methanol; 3-methyl-5-phenylpentan-1-ol; 2,2,2-trichloro-1-phenylethyl acetate; isobornyl acetate; allyl amyl glycolate; acetyl cedrene; tetrahydrogeraniol; citronellal; cuminic aldehyde; cis-jasmone; pine American oil; peppermint (Chinese); 1,3,3-trimethyl-2-norbornanol; gamma-nonalactone; octahydro-2H-chromen-2-one; cis-4-decenal; 3-(3-isopropylphenyl)butanal; as a deodorant active.
8. Use of one or more of the following perfume components: N-ethyl-N-(3-methylphenyl)propionamide; 2-ethyl-N-methyl-N-(3-methylphenyl)butanamide; (4-isopropylcyclohexyl)methanol; 3-methyl-5-phenylpentan-1-ol; 2,2,2-trichloro-1-phenylethyl acetate; isobornyl acetate; allyl amyl glycolate; acetyl cedrene; tetrahydrogeraniol; citronellal; cuminic aldehyde; cis-jasmone; pine American oil; peppermint (Chinese); 1,3,3-trimethyl-2-norbornanol; gamma-nonalactone; octahydro-2H-chromen-2-one; cis-4-decenal; 3-(3-isopropylphenyl)butanal, in the manufacture of a composition for reducing or preventing body malodour.
9. A method for reducing or preventing body malodour by topically applying to human skin a composition comprising a perfume component selected from at least one of the following: N-ethyl-N-(3-methylphenyl)propionamide; 2-ethyl-N-methyl-N-(3-methylphenyl)butanamide; dihydromyrcenol; (4-isopropylcyclohexyl)methanol; 3-methyl-5-phenylpentan-1-ol; 2,2,2-trichloro-1-phenylethyl acetate; isobornyl acetate; allyl amyl glycolate; alpha-terpineol; acetyl cedrene; tetrahydrogeraniol; citronellal; cuminic aldehyde; cis-jasmone; pine American oil; peppermint (Chinese); 1,3,3-trimethyl-2-

norbornanol; gamma-nonalactone; octahydro-2H-chromen-2-one; cis-4-decenal; 3-(3-isopropylphenyl)butanal.

10. A method according to claim 9, wherein the perfume component is selected from at least one of the following: N-ethyl-N-(3-methylphenyl)propionamide; 2-ethyl-N-methyl-N-(3-methylphenyl)butanamide; (4-isopropylcyclohexyl)methanol; 3-methyl-5-phenylpentan-1-ol; 2,2,2-trichloro-1-phenylethyl acetate; isobornyl acetate; allyl amyl glycolate; acetyl cedrene; tetrahydrogeraniol; citronellal; cuminic aldehyde; cis-jasmone; pine American oil; peppermint (Chinese); 1,3,3-trimethyl-2-norbornanol; gamma-nonalactone; octahydro-2H-chromen-2-one; cis-4-decenal; 3-(3-isopropylphenyl)butanal.

11. A method according to claim 9 or 10, wherein the composition is a perfume composition.

12. A method according to claim 11, wherein the perfume composition comprises at least 30% by weight of at least one of the specified perfume components.